



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Robert A. Dunstan, et al. ) Examiner: Butler, Dennis  
Serial No.: 10/644,978 ) Art Unit: 2115  
Filing Date: August 19, 2003 )  
For: **METHOD, APPARATUS AND** )  
**SYSTEM FOR OPERATING DATA** )  
**PROCESSING DEVICES** )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Examiner:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment in the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. Applicants additionally request consideration of the remarks presented herein.